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Engendering Politics: The Impact of Descriptive Representation on Women's Political Engagement in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Variable Name	**Description**
Name	Name of country
Country	Unique number assigned to country
Year	Year the survey was fielded
Talk_Politics	*Survey Question*: When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters. We code engagement as 1 if the individual reports engaging in this political activity and 0 otherwise. **Source**: Afrobarometer Data
Demonstrate	*Survey Question*: Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Attended a demonstration or protest march? We code engagement as 1 if the individual reports engaging in this political activity and 0 otherwise. **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Interest	*Survey Question*: How interested would you say you are in public affairs? We code engagement as 1 if the individual reports engaging in this political activity and 0 otherwise. **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Contact_Party	*Survey Question*: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons for help to solve a problem or to give them your views: A political party official? (Not included in every country-year). We code engagement as 1 if the individual reports engaging in this political activity and 0 otherwise. This question was not asked in every wave. **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Contact_MP	*Survey Question*: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A Member of Parliament? (Not asked in every country-year.) We code engagement as 1 if the individual reports engaging in this political activity and 0 otherwise. This question was not asked in every wave. **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Woman	*Survey Question:* Respondent's gender. **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Per_women	The percentage of women occupying the lower (or only) chamber in parliament at t-1 (i.e., the year before the survey was fielded). **Source:** Inter-Parliamentary Union statistical archive. Retrieved in 2010. http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif-arc.htm
woman_p	Interaction between female and Percent Women t-1
gdi	Gender-related Development Index (GDI). The GDI was developed by the United

	Nations Development Programme to measure inequalities between men and women. **Source:** United Nations Development Programme.
woman_gdi	Interaction between female and Gender Development Index
politicalrights	The level of political rights as reported by Freedom House for each country-year. This variable ranges from 1 to 7. **Source:** Freedom House https://freedomhouse.org/report-types/freedom-world#.VTRtqmbphvU
civilliberties	The level of civil liberties as reported by Freedom House for each country-year This variable ranges from 1 to 7. **Source:** Freedom House https://freedomhouse.org/report-types/freedom-world#.VTRtqmbphvU
years_dem	The number of consecutive years that a country has held a score of 6 or higher on the Polity IV index. **Source:** Polity IV (Marshall & Jaggers, 2010). http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm
gni	Gross national income (GNI) per capita (current U.S. dollars). Source: World Bank.
left_party_power	Following Tripp and Hughes (2010), we consult the Socialist International membership list to identify which parties in Africa are left leaning. We code a country as having a left-leaning political party if either of the parties that occupy the largest or second largest number of seats in the national legislature is included in the Socialist International membership list. **Source:** Socialist International Membership
Age	Respondent's age. *Survey Question:* How old are you? **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Devout	This variable is intended to capture individuals' religiosity. *Survey Question:* Excluding weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? (Waves 2 & 3) *Survey Question:* Let's turn to your role in the community. Now I am going to read out a list of groups that people join or attend. For each one, could you tell me whether you are an official leader, an active member, an inactive member, or not a member: A religious group (e.g., church, mosque)? (Wave 4) **Source:** Afrobarometer Data
Income	*Survey Question:* Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: A cash income? Recoded to range from 1 to 4. **Source**: Afrobarometer Data
education	*Survey Question:* What is the highest level of education you have completed? **Source**: Afrobarometer Data
com_quota	A dummy variable for the adoption of compulsory quotas prior to the survey year. Countries with quotas are coded 1 and 0 otherwise. **Source:** http://www.quotaproject.org/
any_quota	A dummy variable indicating the adoption of any type of gender quota including voluntary or party quotas prior to the survey year. Countries with quotas are coded 1 and 0 otherwise. **Source:** http://www.quotaproject.org/